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ANNIVERSARY It's been two years and Metro Edmonton is continuing to make its mark in the community.

Young, active Edmontonians have embraced Metro since its arrival in the provincial capital on April 2, 2007. And while readership figures are still forthcoming as the paper winds up its second year, Metro Alberta publisher Steve ShROUT expressed his elation about how warmly the new product has been received by readers and anticipates even greater growth in the future.

"We've become Edmonton's largest free daily newspaper within two short years," ShROUT said. "We couldn't have done it without our readers and our incredible staff."

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Missing the playoffs would help Oilers?



Protesters clash with police outside the Bank of England as anti-capitalist and climate change activists demonstrate in the City of London yesterday in London, England. Protesters marched through London demanding action on poverty, climate change and jobs, as world leaders arrived ahead of the G20 summit.

Protest mars summit

Massive demonstration in London greets G20 leaders

Police clashed with demonstrators gathered around the Bank of England in the heart of London's financial centre yesterday during a day of protest against the G20 summit.

Riot police staged baton charges to try to disperse several hundred people protesting against a financial system they said had robbed the poor to benefit the rich.

Demonstrators earlier attacked a nearby branch of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), shattering three windows.

Rescued by the government in October, RBS and former boss Fred Goodwin,

63 protestors arrested

Police said 63 protestors had been arrested by late evening and at least one officer was taken to hospital for treatment, although he was not believed to be seriously hurt.

who controversially refused to give up a pension of \$1.2 million, became lightning rods for public anger in Britain over banker excess blamed for the financial crisis.

During the protests one man died after he collapsed and stopped breathing. Police said they tried to resuscitate him but that they came under a hail of bottles. The man was taken by

ambulance to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A police source said it was likely the man died from a medical condition but that a post-mortem was needed.

The protests in London's City financial area coincided with a G20 meeting of the world's leading and emerging economies.

Protesters hurled paint

bombs and bottles, chanting: "Our streets! Our banks!"

RBS said in a statement it was "aware of the violence" outside its branch and "had already taken the precautionary step" of closing central City branches.

As dusk fell, police charged a hard core of anti-capitalist demonstrators in an attempt to disperse them before nightfall. Bottles flew through the air towards police lines and police on horseback stood by ready to intervene.

Some protesters set fire to an effigy of a banker hanging from a lamp post.

REUTERS

Obama key to summit talks

LONDON With the world watching, Barack Obama's political skills will be put to the test today as he tries to persuade fractious leaders to set aside their differences and take concerted action on the global economic crisis.

The U.S. president, who quickly captured the spotlight at the G20 summit in Britain, sought in a day of one-on-one meetings with other government heads to shape a sense of unity among the diverse participants.

The arrival of Obama and his wife, Michelle, enthralled Londoners who crowded streets and strained for a glimpse of the couple during their first official European visit as his motorcade sped from one stop to the next during a day that unfolded at breakneck speed.

Obama's charm offensive drew laughter from the Queen during a meeting and gushing praise from British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The president even talked dinosaurs with Brown's sons.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was among the leaders who dined with the Queen last night at Buckingham Palace.

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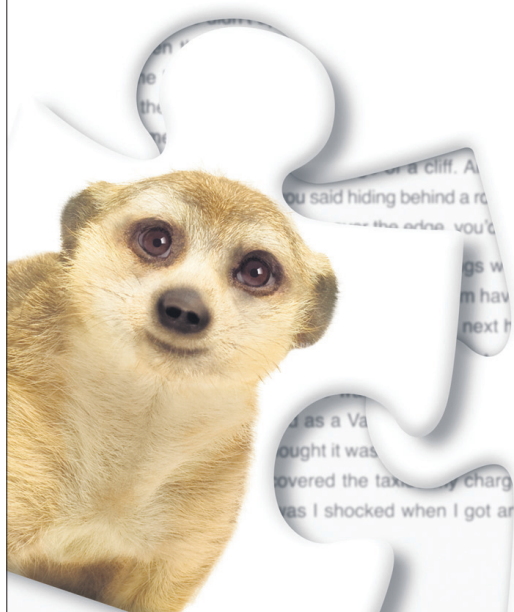


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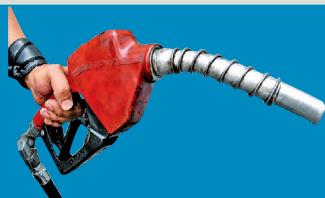
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Investigation cites likely cause of March Chinatown blaze

Fire investigators believe a blaze that destroyed two businesses in Edmonton's Chinatown district March 23 was lit by a vapour ignition through an unknown source. The fire destroyed Rose's Gift Shop and National Cabinet. Fire crews said damages were pegged at \$1.3 million. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Local



'Over-dependent' on oil: Report

The University of Alberta's Parkland Institute says Alberta is "over-dependent" on oil and gas exports — something that makes the province much more vulnerable during this economic meltdown. In a report, the Institute says Alberta has a chance to become less dependent on fossil fuels during the recession.

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News in brief

BUDGETS The Liberal party is pushing a bill which would see \$300 million given to Alberta communities to help support their operating budgets. Alberta Liberal deputy leader Laurie Blakeman said that without this money, small municipalities will have trouble coping with rising costs. **METRO EDMONTON**

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What's online today.

Video Halifax demonstrators dressed as fish protest a decision to leave a fuel-laden barge on the ocean floor at metronews.ca/canada

Blogs Quebec's language police strike the video game industry on Ahead of the Game

Video Pride on display as Nunavut marks its 10th anniversary at

metro.news.ca/canada

Lotteries

Lotto 6/49: 4, 6, 24, 32, 45 & 48. Bonus 8. These results are not official.

Something for all during break

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton

Edmonton youngsters have had no shortage of options to keep themselves amused during spring break holidays.

The Telus World of Science is inviting Edmontonians to come and take in an Imax film, or explore some of the exhibits. One of the exhibits is The Art of the Brick, which features pieces of art made entirely out of Lego and a hands-on section for visitors to build their own masterpieces.

"Certainly this week we've been just as busy as any other spring break," said Dan VanKeeken, director of marketing and communications. "It's one of our busiest times of the year, right up there with Christmas and Family Day."

In the first two days of spring break, the science centre has seen a 25 per cent increase from last year in the amount of visitors.

The Royal Alberta Museum



Gobana Res, left, and Rayanna Wowchuk, right, enjoy a ride at Galaxyland yesterday afternoon during spring break.

has a five-day program which allows kids to explore the museum and learn about Alberta's plants, animals and resources. The program started on Monday and it features guest artist workshops in the morning and museum staff on the floor for the afternoon.

Families can create entries for the Robert Bateman calendar contest and for the Planet Earth WHERE Challenge, an environmental contest that examines the components of things such as iPods and snowmobiles.

All of the attractions at the West Edmonton Mall

will be open, and there will be special activities throughout the week. Some of those include a marine day camp for youths, a relay fundraiser for the Livia Stoyke Foundation, and a Britney Spears dance-off competition for a chance to win tickets to her April 6 show.

Local sponsors tag Tagliani's Florida race

PROMOTION The Sunshine State will be getting a blast of Northern flash as Canada's Alex Tagliani will be racing into St. Petersburg with Edmonton Northlands and the Rex-all Edmonton Indy at his side.



Alex Tagliani

Conquest Racing announced that they signed a deal with Northlands to see the company and the Edmonton Indy race be the primary sponsor on their No. 34 car for the upcoming St. Petersburg race. The sponsorship, of course, means logos for both entities emblazoned on the vehicle.

Conquest Racing signed racing veteran Alex Tagliani for the race, and he was glad to not only race again but to get the chance to help promote the city.

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Leduc residents are being warned about a pyramid scheme called "Women's Networking Club." The RCMP is reminding citizens that it is illegal to participate in a pyramid scheme and that there are criminal and legal penalties. **METRO EDMONTON**

City 'dial-a-dopers' disconnected after big drug bust

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton



Those looking to purchase drugs in the city may not have their calls returned after a police sting targeted "dial-a-dopers," charging 51 people with more than 120 criminal offences.

The undercover sting was led by the gang and drug unit of the Edmonton Police Service and was a crackdown on street-level drugs dealers. Police say they are the bottom of the drug hierarchy, but the first point of contact for the majority of drug users in the city.

Police say the project be-

gan as a result of community concerns about drug activity across the city, and wasn't focused on specific neighbourhoods.

"There are the traffickers that are in our communities that peddle their trade in front of our residences, in front of our schools and our shopping centres," said Staff Sergeant Greg Preston.

ston.

The sting, called Project Geld, began on March 4. Over \$14,500 in cash was seized along with 205 grams of cocaine, small amounts of marijuana and meth and six vehicles. Police say the accused range in age from 15 to 44 years old, including three who are under 18.

"We need to ensure that our young people are aware that it's not all glamour that the money that flows from this comes with potentially some very significant consequences," said Sgt. Preston. The charges include 44 counts of trafficking, 18 counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, and 43 counts of

possession of the proceeds of crime. Though police believe there are a larger number of "dial-a-dopers" in the city, the project is said to have been a success.

"It causes them sometimes to get a little bit sloppy," Sgt. Preston told reporters. "Distraction and disruption are part of our tactic."

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Area teachers get Excellence awards

EDUCATION More than 100 teachers are being recognized for creativity and innovation in classrooms across Alberta through the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards Program.

The program is honouring 134 teachers from kindergarten to Grade 12 and it provides funding for professional development.

The semi-finalists were chosen from 365 eligible nominations from across the province and will be honoured in Edmonton on May 30.

"The Excellence in Teaching Awards give the community a chance to thank teachers for their positive contributions to students' learning experiences," said Education Minister Dave Hancock in a release. "I applaud all nominees and semi-finalists for their hard work in classrooms across this province and encourage them to continue with their unique and effective teaching methods." **METRO EDMONTON**

Snow tracks lead cops to two arrests

CRIME City cops took advantage of the freshly fallen snow Tuesday night to arrest two people who allegedly broke into several garages and cars on 114 Street and 53 Avenue.

Police say a caller noticed someone in his yard and around his garage shortly after 11:30 p.m.

And when police arrived at the home, they noticed the pair in an alley north of the residence, said city cops.

When an officer approached one of the suspects, the other ran off, police said.

Police said the police service's AIR-1 helicopter located the other suspect who was hiding in an adjacent alley.

Brent Billow, 18, and Mark Keller, 19, have each been charged with five counts of break and enter with intent, four counts of theft under \$5,000, trespass by night, tamper with auto, and attempted break and enter. **METRO EDMONTON**

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The government is looking at the pension situation at Air Canada and will keep a watchful eye on the struggling airline, Transport Minister John Baird said yesterday. Baird told Parliament that pensions at Air Canada are federally regulated, and Ted Menzies, parliamentary secretary to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, was looking at the issue. **REUTERS**

Conservatives eyeball Air Canada workers' pensions

Canada



Buyout author nets huge payout

BCE Inc paid former chief executive Michael Sabia close to \$21 million in compensation in 2008, according to a regulatory filing yesterday by Canada's biggest telecom company. Sabia, who left BCE after helping orchestrate its ultimately doomed \$34.8 billion buyout, is the new head of the powerful Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, Canada's largest pension fund manager. **REUTERS**

Carney predicts longer recession

ECONOMY Canada's economic recession could extend through the second half of this year, the Bank of Canada said yesterday, backing away from an earlier forecast that growth would return in the third quarter.

Even though the economy contracted at perhaps its sharpest rate on record in the first quarter, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said in a speech there was no guarantee he would use additional tools at his disposal, including rate cuts or unconventional measures, to stimulate the economy. **REUTERS**

Huge bust targets gangs

More than 1,000 cops involved in T.O. raids

At least 125 people were arrested in pre-dawn raids yesterday in what Canadian police described as the largest-ever such operation against guns and gang crime in Ontario.

More than 1,000 officers were involved in the raids in the Toronto area that "targeted a high level of organized crime," Toronto police said. They also seized more than 40 firearms, cocaine, marijuana and other drugs.

The investigation looked

Violence on rise

• Canada has seen an increase in gang-related violence in Toronto and Vancouver in recent years. The federal government said in February it would toughen sentences for gang-related crimes.

into violent crimes dating as far back as 2003, according to investigators, who said the charges include attempted murder, conspiracy and trafficking in

weapons and drugs.

The arrests primarily targeted two gangs, the MNE and 400 Crew, who are based in southern and eastern Toronto, but involved crimes in several communities in the area, police said.

Forty-six of the people charged were members of the two gangs, but police said the arrests also included several people responsible for the distribution of guns and drugs to gangs throughout the Toronto area. **REUTERS**

Troops Signs of support



Five-year-old Dakota Lee Allen, right, has Sgt. Thomas White of the Royal Canadian Dragoons sign her Canadian flag. Dakota is having heart surgery and her wish is to fly her flag, signed by more than 30 soldiers who went to Afghanistan, when slain Trooper Brian Good's hearse arrives at a Toronto morgue. "I want to be brave as the soldiers," she said.

What you need to know about

intersection speed-violation enforcement

As of April 1, 2009, law enforcement agencies across Alberta may issue speed violation tickets using data from Intersection Safety Device Technology. Speeding tickets can be issued at all phases of the traffic signal. These devices will also continue to be used for red-light violations.

In 2007, 92 people were killed and 10,092 were injured in traffic collisions at intersections in Alberta. Many of these collisions involved speeding.

Intersection safety devices will be located at existing red-light camera locations. Future locations can also be established at signalized intersections that have a high number of collisions or high frequency of violations.

To learn more, visit transportation.alberta.ca or call 310-0000, then dial 780-427-8901.



Tories take third shot at long-gun registry

POLITICS The federal Conservative government is making its third bid to bring in a law to abolish the national long-gun registry.

The bill, which the government said is identical to the last two legislative attempts, was tabled in the Senate, where the Liberals hold a majority.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's spokesperson, Kory Teneycke, said the bill meets a longstanding platform commitment, and was sent to the Liberal-dominated Senate first because it could get hung up in that chamber longer.

But the Senate has few government bills to deal with right now, and debate could move more quickly.

In reality, the move puts pressure on Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, who has

Amnesty

• Since spring 2006, funds and information for the registry have been choked off by the Conservatives' decision to grant yearly amnesties and fee rebates to the owners of rifles and shotguns. The latest amnesty runs until next month.

been courting rural voters across Canada, to make clear his views on gun control.

"For rural Canada, this is a referendum on whether people understand the realities of rural life," said Teneycke. "In urban areas it gets bundled into gangs and gun control. We obviously see the issues of urban gun crime as very important."

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News in brief

DRUGS Canadian legislation intended to send cheap medication to poor countries fighting health epidemics may take on new life thanks to a Liberal senator from Montreal. Senator Yvoine Goldstein introduced a bill on Monday to streamline the process.

TORTURE The Tory government moved quickly yesterday to deny testimony by a CSIS official who said the spy agency still uses information that may have been obtained by torture "if lives are at stake," Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Sweden votes in favour of legalizing gay marriage

Sweden will allow homosexuals to legally marry from May this year after parliament yesterday voted overwhelmingly in favour of the move. **REUTERS**

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World

North Korea starts fuelling rocket: CNN

U.S. ready to take matter to UN, official says

North Korea has begun fuelling a long-range rocket and could launch it by the weekend, CNN said, with the United States and others promising punishment for a move they say violates UN resolutions.

North Korea has said it plans to send a satellite into orbit from April 4 to 8 but the United States, South Korea and Japan say the launch is a disguised test of the long-range Taepodong-2 missile, which is designed to carry a warhead to U.S. territory.

The fuelling signals North Korea is in the final preparation stages for the launch, CNN quoted U.S.

China

Analysts said they expect China, a veto-wielding member of the UN Security Council and the closest thing Pyongyang can claim as a major ally, to block any new UN sanctions or attempts to tighten the enforcement of existing ones.

military officials as saying in Washington in a report monitored in Seoul yesterday. Officials in Seoul could not confirm the report.

In London yesterday, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity on

the sidelines of a G20 meeting, said Washington would respond to any North Korean launch by raising the matter in the UN Security Council.

"The president (Barack Obama) made clear we are deeply concerned about the prospective missile launch by the North Koreans ... There will be a reaction to it," the official said.

Any attempt to punish North Korea will infuriate Pyongyang, which has threatened to restart a plant that makes arms-grade plutonium and quit nuclear disarmament talks if the United Nations takes action. **REUTERS**

U.S. studying Taliban threat from Pakistan

TERRORISM U.S. officials are studying whether a Pakistani Taliban leader blamed for the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto poses a credible threat to the United States, a top U.S. military official said yesterday.

"Everyone is quite riveted on analyzing that and seeing what further we can find out," U.S. army Gen. David Petraeus said in testimony before the

Senate Armed Services Committee. On Tuesday the Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud, who is accused of orchestrating

a string of attacks in Pakistan, warned that Washington may be attacked for offering \$5 million US for information leading to his location or arrest.

A knowledgeable U.S. defence official said Mehsud could provide operatives aid in an al-Qaida plot to attack the United States. **REUTERS**

China For the dead



A worker disinfects a viewing area on a cliff facing the earthquake-hit Beichuan county in Sichuan province yesterday. Survivors of the earthquake, which killed 80,000, are being allowed into the ruins of the county seat to give offerings for their dead relatives ahead of the traditional Qingming Festival (tomb-sweeping day) on April 4.

Computer worm may still strike

INFECTION Malicious software installed on millions of computers has yet to wreak havoc on technology systems worldwide as some fear, but researchers warned that the Conficker worm could still strike in the future.

Conficker turns infected PCs into slaves that respond to commands sent

from a remote server that effectively controls an army of slave computers.

Researchers formed an industry-wide task force to fight the worm, bringing widespread attention that experts said probably scared off the criminals who command the army of slave computers for the time being. **REUTERS**

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Lovers in a down-market time

Relating

Steve Collins

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Some media reports suggest rotten economic conditions are creating a bull market for romance. The claims are reminiscent of those dubious old

theories of hemlines rising and falling with the economy, plus a little pop psychology about looking for security in insecure times and how a slowdown inspires thoughts of things more important than money.

It sounds plausible enough. When one has been laid off, perhaps there is a little more time to devote to getting laid. And well might one, in uncertain times, grow more susceptible to the charms of

someone to share one's life — and split the rent.

But the evidence cited is less than convincing.

Exhibit A: Since the economy began to tank, online dating sites have reported a spike in business. These, of course, are merely people who are looking for someone else, not necessarily finding them.

It could be equally true that the stampede of new singles on the market is a sign of a whole lot of dumping going on. The unem-

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ployed may have all sorts of time to update their Lavalife profile, but they are seldom at their most confident and attractive. (I write from couch-bound, self-pitying experience.)

Exhibit B: Adult toy shops are also touting a surge in business, the implication being that couples are cut-

ting their entertainment expenses and staying in for cheap thrills. But a hefty proportion of their wares, it must be noted, are perfectly serviceable in a do-it-yourself context. No compelling indication of a recession-driven stampede of romantic mergers here, either.

Money is often cited as one of the worst sources of tension in a relationship, but if money is the root of your relationship-rocking squabbles, less money is

hardly a solution. Ironically, though, there are some signs that divorces are down, as couples who might otherwise bail eye the potential legal bills and decide to hang in for now.

So are we getting more with less? The signs are inconclusive, and economists do a bad enough job of predicting our behaviour with money, let alone love and money. Do you feel lucky?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Afghan law about power, not culture



Mona Eltahawy

Global View

I thought I was used to seeing politicians bargain with each other. A few concessions here and there to influential voting blocs are part of the elections game.

But Afghan President Hamid Karzai surely wins that game by throwing women's rights like bargaining chips at the feet of religious conservatives he's courting for Afghanistan's presidential election.

In February, he signed a new law that, according to United Nations organiza-

tions, legalizes rape within marriage and bars women from leaving their homes without permission from their husbands.

Déjà vu, anyone?

Senator Humaira Namati, a member of the Afghan parliament, told a British paper the law was "worse than during the Taliban," a government that denied women basic rights such as education when it ruled Afghanistan 1996-2001.

News of the law broke at an international conference for Afghanistan being held at The Hague. The reports offer both a fortuitous chance to embarrass Karzai for so cheaply selling out women, and a test for the

72 countries and organizations gathered at The Hague on how willing they are to defend Afghan women.

Since the Taliban's ouster, much has improved for Afghan women. Millions of girls now attend school and women have a 25 per cent quota in parliament. In March, a female lawmaker, Shalah Attah, said she would run for president in August polls. So what was Karzai thinking?

Despite the reemergence of the Taliban, the law has less to do with its misogyny and more with Karzai's election manoeuvring.

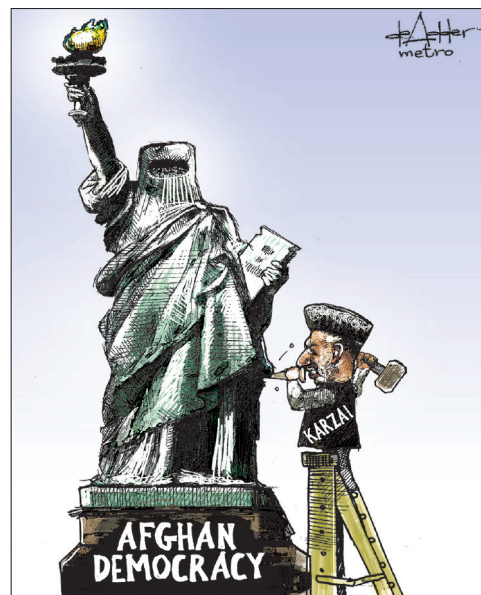
The law covers members of Afghanistan's Shia minority, who account for

about 10 per cent of the population, and was backed by the influential Shia clerics and parties who are objects of Karzai's affection.

Afghan women parliamentarians and activists have condemned the law and said they're worried another law being drafted for the country's majority Sunni women will be equally harsh.

Afghanistan's new law has nothing to do with culture or religion and everything to do with power and politics.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Business

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BlackBerry gets online store

Research In Motion has launched an online store selling entertainment, games, news, and travel applications to its BlackBerry users.

RIM said yesterday its online store was immediately available to BlackBerry owners in Britain, Canada, and the United States.

Unlike the iPhone application store of rival Apple Inc., which offers 70 per cent of revenue from each piece of software to the developer, RIM plans to offer 80 per cent. The rest of the revenue will be shared between RIM and wireless carriers, co-chief executive Jim Balsillie said.

Ontario-based RIM has pushed aggressively to diversify its user base beyond

Microsoft, too

• Microsoft Corp. is also working on a mobile phone software marketplace and has signed up partners such as web music service Pandora, game publisher Electronic Arts, and social networking site Facebook.

executives, lawyers, politicians and other professionals who use BlackBerrys to send wireless e-mail.

Offering interesting and diverse smartphone software can sometimes mean the difference between keeping and losing a user who may be reluctant to switch to a different device and have to pay for new software.

REUTERS

Total sells 10% of oilsands stake

ENERGY French oil major Total SA said yesterday it sold a 10 per cent stake in a proposed Canadian oilsands project to China's Sinopec, making both firms equal partners in the venture.

Total bought into the Northern Lights project last year when it acquired Synenco Energy, and Sinopec has been involved since 2005.

The value of the deal was not disclosed.

REUTERS

Canada to pay for breaching deal

LUMBER Canada will pay the United States nearly \$50 million for breaching a trade agreement covering softwood lumber exports, an official said Tuesday.

Canada will pay the

money rather than imposing a surcharge on lumber exports from four provinces that a tribunal ruled had exceeded their shipment quotas under the trade deal.

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Sports



"I made a judgment call that was a poor call at that time and it ended up costing us the game."

Oilers coach Craig MacTavish speaking at practice yesterday on the request to measure Teemu Selanne's stick in Tuesday's 5-3 loss to Anaheim. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Esks acquire DB Malbrough

CFI The Eskimos acquired defensive back Anthony Malbrough from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers yesterday in exchange for future considerations.

Malbrough had 35 defensive tackles, two sacks, two interceptions, two pass knockdowns and one tackle for loss for Winnipeg last season. He sat out the final two games of the regular season with an injury but returned to start in the East Semifinal where he recorded three tackles in a losing effort to the Esks.

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Sports in brief

CFI The Roughriders acquired offensive lineman Dan Goodspeed from Winnipeg for Adarius Bowman, J.F. Morin-Roberge and Brady Browne. Two draft picks also changed hands. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Blackhawks beat Blues

NHL RESULT

Blackhawks 3, Blues 1

Jonathan Toews and Samuel Pahlsson each tallied in the first period as the Chicago Blackhawks defeated the St. Louis Blues, 3-1, at the United Center.

Colin Fraser added a short-handed goal for Chicago, which recovered from a 4-1 setback at Montreal on Tuesday. The Blackhawks, who have won four of six overall, claimed their first win of the season over St. Louis (1-4-1). They now have 93 points and moved into a third-place tie with Vancouver in the Western Conference.

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 16-of-17 shots for



Jonathan Toews scored a first-period goal last night for the Chicago Blackhawks, who beat the St. Louis Blues, 3-1.

the Blackhawks.

Jeff Woywitka scored for the Blues, who had their five-game winning streak snapped. St. Louis remains in ninth place in the conference with 83 points and is one point behind Nashville and Anaheim for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

They are bidding for their first playoff appearance

since the 2003-04 campaign.

Chris Mason, who was making his 28th straight start between the pipes, made 27 saves for St. Louis.

Chicago drew first blood when Toews lit the lamp with 8:15 left in the opening period. The Blackhawks centre took a pass from Martin Havlat along the right-wing boards, skated

into the low slot and slid the puck past Mason on the stick side to give the hosts the lead.

Pahlsson then made it a 2-0 game a little over four minutes later when he put one home from in close on a feed from behind the net.

After a scoreless second period that saw the Blackhawks outshoot the Blues by a 10-4 margin, the hosts took a two-goal cushion into the intermission.

With Patrick Kane in the box serving a hooking minor late in the third, Chicago struck for a shorthanded tally. Fraser took a pass from Patrick Sharp and chipped a backhand that just got over the glove hand of Mason to up the hosts' lead to 3-0 with 4:31 left in the contest.

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Officer resigns

The Dallas police officer who pulled out his gun and threatened NFL player Ryan Moats with jail instead of allowing him inside a hospital where his mother-in-law was dying resigned yesterday. Officer Robert Powell had been placed on paid leave pending an investigation of the March 18 incident. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Oilers need to miss playoffs

Last week, when the Oilers were in position to make the playoffs, yours truly looked at Edmonton's remaining regular-season games and attempted to discern which ones **Craig MacTavish's** charges should and should win.

Of the four games Edmonton has played since that column was filed, the Oilers won just once (I thought they should've at the very least split those games).

Consequently, they're in a world of hurt: in 11th place in the Western Conference, a handful of points away from the West's final playoff berth.

However, as I've mentioned in this space a couple times, if Edmontonians are honest with themselves, they ought to acknowledge the Oilers simply squeaking into the post-season — and becoming fodder for the likes of the Red Wings or Sharks — doesn't do much good for the franchise.

I know, I know — the 2005-06 edition of the Oilers made it all the way to the Stanley Cup final. But take a gander at how other eighth-seeded teams have fared in recent years.

In 2007, the Calgary Flames finished eighth in the West and fell to the Red Wings in the first round of the playoffs. That same year, the New York Islanders secured the eighth position in the Eastern

The Hockey News

Adam Proteau

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Conference and won one lousy game against Buffalo in the first round.

Last spring, the eighth-seeded Nashville Predators were eliminated by Detroit in the first round. The Boston Bruins (a.k.a. the East's eighth seed in 2008) also failed to make it past the first round after Montreal narrowly defeated them in seven games.

Similarly, both No. 8 seeds (Nashville and the Isles) in the 2004 post-season lost their first-round matchups against San Jose and Tampa Bay, respectively.

Detecting a pattern? The pattern is that the '05-06 Oilers were the exception rather than the rule.

The best thing for Edmonton's Cup hopes is to miss this year's playoffs, take a good, hard look at what organizational changes should be made, and retool over the summer.

Finishing eighth may be enough for some fans, but more often than not, it's simply not enough for hockey's ultimate prize.

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NBA Raptors snap Magic's six-game win streak



Toronto's Jose Calderon is caught between Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu and guard Rafer Alston in Orlando last night. The Raptors won their fifth straight, 99-95.

Danton months from parole

NHL Former NHL forward Mike Danton will likely spend several months in custody in Ontario even though his time in an American prison for a failed murder-for-hire plot has made him eligible for parole, correctional officials said yesterday. Danton pleaded guilty in 2004 in a plot that targeted his former agent, David Frost, and was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison.

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NFL Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth was charged yesterday with killing a pedestrian last month while driving drunk on a Miami street. A warrant charging Stallworth with DUI manslaughter was filed in the March 14 accident that killed a 59-year-old man. If convicted, Stallworth would face a 15-year prison sentence.

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His and her tip

Balance is also important. If the room seems too feminine with light colours, delicate furniture, and flowery fabrics, for example, introduce some more masculine elements such as dark colours and simple, streamlined shapes. Or just keep the decor more gender neutral. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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—BRETT WALTHER

Back in black (basalt)

Waterford Wedgwood resurrects the triumph that launched the career of the world's most famous potter.

The scene

In the 18th century, the designers of the day were quite literally digging up inspiration. The rage for everything neoclassical was ignited by archeological finds at Pompeii and Herculaneum, creating an insatiable demand for decorative objects depicting ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian figures and motifs. In an attempt to mimic basalt — a stone used in Egyptian statuary — a number of potters in Staffordshire, England,

had begun making crude black earthenware vases and tableware known as Egyptian Black.

Enter the inventor

Having established his own factory in Staffordshire in 1759, Josiah Wedgwood was a pioneer among potters — a tireless inventor intent on elevating

Egyptian Black to a contemporary classic. In 1768, he succeeded with his fine-grain, unglazed black stoneware, which he christened black basalt. Made from Staffordshire clay and stained with cobalt and manganese oxides, the exceptionally smooth, porcelain-like finish and rich hue of black basalt launched Wedgwood onto the world stage.

Today

To mark Wedgwood's 250th anniversary, Waterford

Wedgwood has released a collection of black basalt. "They're simple and elegant, and mix and match well with other pieces," says Martha McKee, vice-president of media and communications for Waterford Wedgwood Canada and a confessed black basalt junkie.

Select pieces from Martha's own collection are being shown in the "Wedgwood: Artistry and Innovation" exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum (rom.on.ca) on display until July 5, 2009. —WRITTEN

AND PRODUCED BY BRETT WALTHER



Black basalt traditional teapot, \$360; espresso cup and saucer, \$185 per set; 650 ml jug, \$220; cream cup \$160; covered sugar cup, \$185. All designs by Waterford Wedgwood, waterford-wedgwood.ca.

Decor

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His and her decor, combining your tastes with style

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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Remember that old saying that opposites attract? Well, if you and your spouse are arguing about decor, keep in mind that those differences initially drew the two of you

lovebirds together.

And it can again. It is true that the honeymoon does eventually end, but when it comes to decor, the golden rule is compromise and finding common ground. Just think, the two of you are

such interesting people, and your combined tastes could make for an eclectic and absolutely fascinating decor that reflects the both of you, and your time together.

Of course, I have friends who tell me their husbands don't care about decor so they decorate as they wish (within certain financial parameters, of course). And I recently met a woman who tells me that she is perfectly content to let her husband make the design decisions because he enjoys it, and anyway, she likes his taste in design. That certainly makes the decisions easy and minimizes the potential for conflict.

But my feeling is, why lose out on the opportunity to decorate in a way that satisfies both partners, that shows them off as unique and special individuals who have come together as a couple? There's just so much potential there, even if the process is sometimes difficult.

Here are some ideas to help mix his and her styles without undue stress for those of us who sometimes do have differences in style preferences.

First of all, be patient. Rome was not built in a day and neither is your decor a thing that springs up overnight, especially when it comes to knitting together the style of two people who are not similar in many ways. The process will involve taking the time together to think, research and narrow down choices.

If you're doing renovations or rebuilding, think about and write down everything each of you might want in an ideal world. This is a great place to start; from here you can narrow down your ideas, keeping equality firmly in mind so both partners get an equal opportunity to choose. This could relate to a room or the whole house, whether it be a spa in the bathroom, or a den or "rec" room with a huge television

screen.

As for colours and finishes and accessories, go through a stack of decor magazines together. You will find decor ideas, as well as products that you might not have been aware of. You may even find a picture that shows you a room that you both love, one that you might even want to reproduce entirely or partially.

Compare the things that you like, and you will notice differences but also similarities. The similarities are gold, for now you know you can safely go further with these trends or choices that you have in common. But discuss differences with your mind open to compromise.

Finally, if you still have trouble reaching a middle ground, consider hiring a professional designer or decorator. And, don't forget, always keep your receipts.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

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Liquid Assets**Peter Rockwell**metronews.ca/liquidassets**Kiwi quaff**

For me, the most pleasant surprise of the last few years has been the rise of New Zealand as an internationally respected producer of quality wines. Maybe it's my affinity for the underdog or possibly the hope that if the Kiwis can steal the spotlight then, someday, so can we Canucks. New Zealand would seem the least likely country to spin the wine world right round. Stranger still is that in a red wine market they were able

to do it with premium-priced whites made with the Sauvignon Blanc grape.

It all comes back to the aforementioned quality and personalities like **Kim Crawford** whose **2007 Sauvignon Blanc (\$19.95 - \$21.99)** is a crazy good crowd pleaser with zesty lemon/lime flavours and a refreshingly tropical finish.

The gang at Coopers Creek inject a bit of humour into their **2007 Cat's Pee on a Gooseberry Bush Sauvignon Blanc (\$13.55 - \$17.83)** to balance out its namesake aromas (gooseberries often smell like kitty you-know-what) and soft, citrusy personality.

Both have great dining room versatility: Try with a big plate of oysters, any white meat, creamy pasta sauces or all by their lonesome.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Easy, cheesy and lazy lasagna

À la carte**Barb Holland**metronews.ca/alacarte

There's no need to pre-cook the noodles in this recipe.

Statistics tell us that when it comes to what's really cooking in the kitchen, most of us have 10 to 15 recipes in our repertoire and rotate them ad nauseum. According to those same statisticians, the average time spent preparing and cooking dinner is 30 minutes or less.

What's needed are some short-order supper survival recipes with few ingredients and minimal time and effort. Here's one of my supper survival recipes.

Ever So Easy Lasagna

No need to cook the noodles. If you keep jars of pesto, sauce, tomatoes and noodles in the pantry and grated cheese in the freezer, the only thing to pick up is ricotta cheese. Serve with a vegetable side dish or salad and crusty bread. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 - 19 oz (540 mL) can stewed or pasta tomatoes
- 1 cup (250 mL) pasta or

spaghetti sauce

- 6 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 - 500 g container ricotta cheese
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) pesto
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

METHOD:

Combine tomatoes and sauce; spread one-third of mixture in 11 x 7 x 2 inch (2 L) glass microwaveable

dish. Arrange three noodles over the sauce. Combine ricotta cheese and pesto; spread noodles with half the ricotta mixture. Top with another third of sauce.

Repeat with remaining three noodles, remaining ricotta mixture and sauce.

Cover with microwave plastic wrap, turning back one edge to vent. Microwave at high 10 minutes, rotate dish, and reduce to medium (50 per cent) and cook for 10 minutes or until noodles are tender when pierced with a knife.

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Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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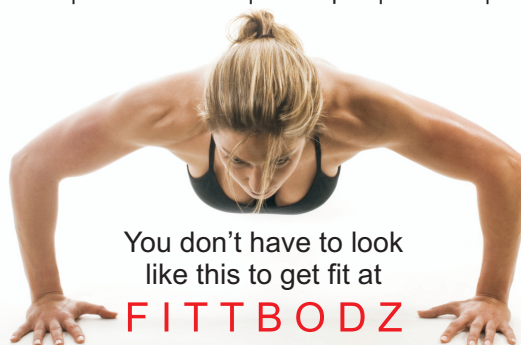
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Style



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Get your yellow on

Celebrate this season's colour with sunny accessories

SunnySide

Here comes the sun. Little darlin' — it's been a long, cold, lonely winter.

And while the weather forecaster can't predict what the next few weeks will bring, colour forecasters are declaring there will be bright skies and warm afternoons.

Mimosa — think Provence as painted by Van Gogh — is the hottest colour for spring, say the execs at the Pantone Color Institute.

Bright sunny yellow clothing, accessories, home decor and even bath products are lighting up shelves

Beaded necklace, Reitmans, \$18



Linen tunic, Talbots, \$98



Python print patent belt, Winners, \$24.99

Floral yellow scarf, Gap, \$29.50

and racks right now.

"From a retailing standpoint, it has the highest visibility and in a sluggish economy that is a good

thing. It means sunlight and good cheers, that's

what we are drawn to," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Institute.

The popularity of yellow is no accident.

Pantone, the company that considers itself a global authority on colour, announced late last year that they selected Mimosa, the sunny colour of that champagne and orange juice cocktail, or to be exact, Pantone 14-0848, as the colour of 2009. They declared, "That in a time of economic uncertainty and political change, optimism is paramount and no other colour expresses hope and reassurance more than yellow."

And U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, now considered a fashion icon, was on trend when she radiated a warm and fuzzy glow on inauguration day by wearing a sunny Isabel Toledo-designed Swiss wool lace ensemble.

As the designer told the New York Times, "I wanted to pick a very optimistic colour that had sunshine. I wanted her to feel charmed,

body else."

Despite the yellow fever, some will not warm to the colour.

"A lot of women shy away from it — it's a difficult colour to wear so it's crucial to find the right shade," says Robin Keeler, fashion director at Yorkdale Mall in Toronto, Ont. "I always say, there is good reason why yellow is used in caution and warning signs!"

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Cheri Milaney design.

Canada caters to curves

In Cheri Milaney's list of 10 fashion commandments, Love Thy Muffintop ranks right up there.

The Vancouver fashion designer, who caters to curves, is on a mission to help women celebrate their bodies, bulging midriff and all.

At Toronto Fashion Week last month, she was the only designer to show samples in size 14, which is actually the average fit for Canadian women.

"I'm hoping we're going to change people's perceptions," Milaney says. "I'm hoping the industry will start taking notice and have some realistic expectations of what beauty should be."

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In brief

NEW COLLECTION British designer Matthew Williamson brings his trademark bohemian prints to H&M stores worldwide on April 23 when his capsule collection for the brand hits 200 stores. We're predicting this maxi dress, which will look good on pretty much anyone, will be the first to sell out.

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Designer threads for the masses

Sung partners with Zellers for spring collection

PATRICIA D'CUNHA
for Metro Canada

For women, it can sometimes be difficult to find sensibly-priced fashion that's timeless, feminine and versatile.

And while designer labels can offer impeccable style, the steep prices are out-of-reach for the average consumer — that is, until now.

Following on the heels of other high-end designers-gone-accessible — think Christian Siriano and Patricia Fields for Payless Shoe Source — Canadian fashion icon Alfred Sung has partnered with Zellers to make his styles more available to the masses.

The Alfred Sung Pure clothing line will debut Friday (in about 300 Zellers stores) with the spring/summer collection and more pieces introduced each season.

Tamara Mimran, business development manager at Alfred Sung, says it's a "lifestyle collection," in that it's for the everyday woman whose day doesn't end at 5 p.m. "It's really (for) all the areas of her life," adds Mimran. The collection is also accessible to women of all body shapes. The pants and skirts are available in sizes two to 16, with tops, jackets and dresses offered in extra-small to extra-large.

"Pure is all about great design at accessible price points," explains Carrie Kirkman, manager of women's wear at Zellers, adding that it offers stylish essentials that are great for the season. And, with prices ranging from just \$12.97 to \$39.97, building a new wardrobe is affordable.

The collection has different blouse types, pleated, flowy and pencil skirts, sleek straight-leg pants, three-quarter-length cardigans and tailored dresses, and it draws on the colours and fabrics of the season.

"(Sung) based his colour palate on something that's fresh and optimistic," says Mimran. The colour palate has the classic black and white, but also adds in bold colours of orange, fuchsia and citrus-green.

Sung uses cotton blends, such as cotton-voile and cotton-poplin, in particular, for the dresses, skirts



The new Alfred Sung Pure clothing line hits Zellers stores tomorrow. The collection includes cotton solid Bermuda shorts (above) in multi-plaid, black, white, green, orange and pink at \$22.97 each.

"(Sung) based his colour palate on something that's fresh and optimistic."

Tamara Mimran,
Alfred Sung

and blouses. "A lot of the fabrications are natural, and they're nice and airy for the summer," says Mimran. Another material used in the collection is bamboo, which she says was chosen because it makes clothing feel softer. The cotton-bamboo-spandex blend is offered in a three-quarter-length sleeve knit top and a tank top, both with a scoop neck.

Some of the punchy pieces in the collection include the ginkgo black and white skirt, the bow blouse with the poppy print and the orange-fuchsia "Soho" rose-print dress. "(Sung) loved the combination this season for the fuchsia and orange together," says Mimran.

The line also has the "perfect shirt," a cotton-poplin stretch that comes in five different colourways of candy-stripes, as well as black and white. Priced at \$22.97, Kirkman says it is a "crisp, tailored shirt (that) works for the office or the weekend."

Kirkman says the collec-



Alfred Sung cotton rose-print "Soho" dress, available at Zellers for \$34.97.

tion has "simple, easy to pull together looks." One of her favourite items includes the black "key-hole" dress, priced at \$34.97. "It's modern and so versatile, the perfect little black dress that's always a chic staple in any woman's wardrobe," she explains.

The spring/summer collection also has accessories, such as bags and sterling-silver jewellery, available at select stores, but Mimran says they are looking to make a larger impact with those items in the fall.

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Entertainment

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Best dressed

Mark Ronson has been voted Britain's best dressed man in a poll by GQ magazine. He beat out Guy Ritchie and Tom Ford to the title as they took second and third place. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Quiet Nights with Diana Krall

Diana Krall

Album: Quiet Nights
Label: Verve/Universal
Rating: ●●●●●

DIANA KRALL'S NO-BLE attempt to test the waters as a songwriter (with the help of hubby Elvis Costello) was welcomed by her fans with all the warmth of broken wind on a long-haul elevator ride. It seems the fans would rather have her seductively request a peeled grape than explore the outer edges of her art. So here we have it, more gentle bossanovas and peeled grapes. And why not? It's impossible to get enough of the way Krall and her band play these lovely gems from the '50s and '60s. Only the best known writers are represented — Rogers and Hart (Where Or When), Mercer and Whiting (Too Marvelous For Words); Hal David and Burt Bacharach (Walk On By) and of course, Antonio Carlos Jobim (The Boy From Impanema).

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Peter Doherty

Album: Grace/Wasteland
Label: EMI
Rating: ●●●●●

IT'S AMAZING Doherty can pick up a guitar considering how drugged he always seems to be, but when he does he makes great music. His de-



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but solo album is easily the troubled artist's best work. Gone are the middling Clash-like sounds of the Libertines, instead Kate Moss' ex churns out a heartfelt collection of varied acoustic tracks. There's blues (Arcadie), jangly rock (Last of the English), and even old-timey jazz on Sweet By and By. Let's hope this new, more mature sound is a permanent thing for Doherty, because he's finally getting his act together.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Thunderheist

Album: Thunderheist
Label: Big Dada/Outisde
Rating: ●●●●●

TORONTO DANCE DUO Thunderheist has been building a steady following for months, but it's this debut full-length that will make them or force them back to the drawing board. The self-titled album will likely do the former, though they still have work to do if they really want to make it big on the international club scene. The disc is loaded with infectious '90s electro sounds, monotone hip-hop lyrics and some fantastic beats. The problem, however, is that it's too repetitive; by the mid-way point fans will start to lose focus. Still, these two have tons of talent.

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Diana Krall is at her seductive best playing gems from the '50s and '60s on her album Quiet Nights.

Keith Urban

Album: Defying Gravity
Label: Capitol/EMI
Rating: ●●●●●

HERE'S A TOUGH question, guys. If you had a choice between a life of hopeless addiction to booze and drugs and waking up every morning to Nicole Kidman, which would you opt for? Well, it took Keith Urban three months at the Betty Ford Center to figure out the answer. And his new sure-to-be-a-blockbuster album



is a product of that stint. He explains it all in Thank You, a warm out-pouring to Kidman from the depths of those 12 steps. Appropriately, it's the album's closing track. Although, it may lack the obvious commercial appeal of the other 10 tracks, it's undeniably the best. Cookie-cutter country rock singles like Kiss A Girl and Sweet Thing are fine, but Urban is at his best when he slows things down and opens up on songs like Til Summer Comes Around and Thank You.

Good choice, Keith.
Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Yeah Yeah Yeahs

Album: It's Blitz
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●●●●

THE YEAH YEAH Yeahs have always had a bit of Metric in them, but on their new disc they channel Emily Haines at full force. On It's Blitz, Nick Zinner trades in his axe for blazing synths, while singer Karen O's passionate vocals are almost as intense as Haines'. This musical change — they're more new wave than



alt.pop — has its ups and downs. Zero's chugging keys are interesting, but the song doesn't do much to help the cause. The mid-tempo Soft Shock, however, is incredibly infectious and one reason this record deserves attention.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Leonard Cohen

Album: Live In London...
Label: Columbia/Sony
Rating: ●●●●●

IT'S PROBABLY NEAR sacrilege to use such words to describe a poetic icon like Leonard Cohen, but it must be said: At times — especially during his wonderfully humble between-song patter on this two disc, 23-song live CD — Cohen sounds more than a bit like Eeyore, the morose gray donkey from Pooh Corner. That's OK, though. It's what we've come to expect from the great man. And, every now and then, as he says "cheerfulness keeps breaking through." This is the complete show from London's O2 Arena last July 17 and it's more than representative of what some critics declared the top tour of 2008. At 73, there's a bounce in Cohen's step and a determination to be seen as going for more than the money.

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Karl Lagerfeld is fresh from a shoot for Chanel's autumn/winter campaign in Vermont, where he got in touch with his rural side. He tells WWD: "It was very cold, the sky was blue and the light was stunning. And the people are so nice." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Jennifer a hair-raising diva?

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston's hair seems to be making more headlines for the Friends star than her acting. The latest news is that Jen refused to start shooting her new film as she was not happy with how her hair looked, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A source told America's OK! magazine: "In the morning everyone had to wait to start filming because Jennifer asked for extra time to finishing blow-drying her hair."



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Marry me or I'm leaving: Brad

RUMOUR While they've growing their family for years, sources say Brad Pitt has had enough. According to OK! Magazine, he's issued Angelina Jolie an ultimatum. "Brad's told her, 'Marry me, or it's over,'" a source tells the magazine. "He definitely wants to get married before they have any more babies," another source adds.

What's the beef? Sources say Pitt's been feeling "stressed out" taking care of the family while Jolie pursues her film and humanitarian work.

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Mimi's 40th 'anniversary' getaway

BIRTHDAY Continuing their tradition of taking lavish vacations together, Nick Cannon whisked his wife of almost one year, Mariah Carey, away to Barbados via private jet Wednesday evening to celebrate her 40th, people.com reports.

On the day of her birthday, Cannon pulled off a private, 11-person dinner party at Barbados' ritzy Wispers on the Bay restaurant Friday night, filling the restaurant with hundreds of pink and lavender-hued balloons. The affectionate couple and their friends shared laughs and

bottles of Dom Perignon, along with Carey's favourite dessert — yellow cake with chocolate frosting flown in from New York — while a live band played. For her



main course, the birthday girl noshed on salmon with a cranberry and vodka white wine butter sauce, sautéed asparagus, and lemon scented herbal rice, while other

guests enjoyed lamb and angus beef with horseradish cream and tomato duxelle.

"Because she's been working extremely hard for the past few months recording new music for the album, it was important to Nick that the trip be a very relaxing one, where Mariah and her friends could truly enjoy themselves," says a source, noting Cannon wanted to plan "the most romantic and beautiful vacation possible" to celebrate Carey's 40th "anniversary."

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David takes a family break

FAMILY American Idol champ David Cook hopes to return to his tour later this week after cancelling two shows "to deal with personal family matters," people.com reports.

The singer did not elaborate in the announcement posted on his Web site. But Cook's brother Adam has been battling brain cancer for over a decade, and Cook's rep tells People that David spent time with Adam last week.

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Miley explains onstage cry fest

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus has ripped into cynical critics who questioned her tears at the Kids' Choice Awards on Saturday, but admits she's embarrassed about losing her cool at the ceremony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star sobbed as she accepted her favourite female singer honour, and insists she really was overcome with emotion when her name was announced.

She tells MTV News, "I was a little embarrassed ... (but) it meant something to me, because it's from the kids and the kids are more important than any-

thing else in the world. So it made me happy."

Cyrus has also vowed that she won't end up like Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan.

"The last thing I ever want to do is disappoint my parents," she tells Glamour. "My mom's dad died when she was 18, and if something ever happened to one of my parents, I'd want them to go knowing I made them proud. I think it's selfish to go

out partying all the time, especially if you have little ones (in your family). I have a nine-year-old sister, and I don't want her to go to school and have people make fun of her for it."

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Rihanna to reunite with Chris on TV?

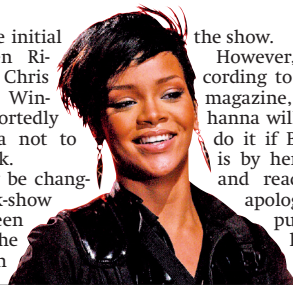
PEOPLE After the initial fallout between Rihanna and Chris Brown, Oprah Winfrey was reportedly telling Rihanna not to take Brown back.

But that may be changing, as the talk-show host has been trying to get the pop singer on

the show. However, according to Look magazine, Rihanna will only do it if Brown is by her side and ready to apologize publicly.

"She's been having second thoughts about them being back together," a source tells the magazine. "Agreeing to go on Oprah's show and tell the world how sorry he is will help make up her mind."

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Bruno's big prank

MUSIC Bono and Chris Martin have teamed up for a song which mocks Live Aid, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair — both keen charity campaigners who were instrumental in getting together Band Aid 20 for their charity cover of Do They Know It's Christmas? — appear on Dove Of Peace, taken from Sacha Baron Cohen's latest movie Bruno.

Studio insiders say Bono and Chris were so amused by lyrics to the fashion-spoof song — which include, "For people of Africa who live in Hell/ They will never wear Chanel" — they were almost unable to record their lines. A source told Britain's

Daily Mirror newspaper: "Chris Martin was laughing throughout the recording and only just managed to get his lines out."

"Bruno promises to be the funniest and most outrageous film this year and in it Sacha's character releases a brilliantly cheesy but subversive single — Dove Of Peace — which mocks the likes of Band Aid. It runs close to the bone but it's very tongue-in-cheek."

Singer Sting is also due to record a part of the song, while Baron Cohen friend Madonna has been approached too.

"If the film is successful, there's every chance the song will be released as a single."

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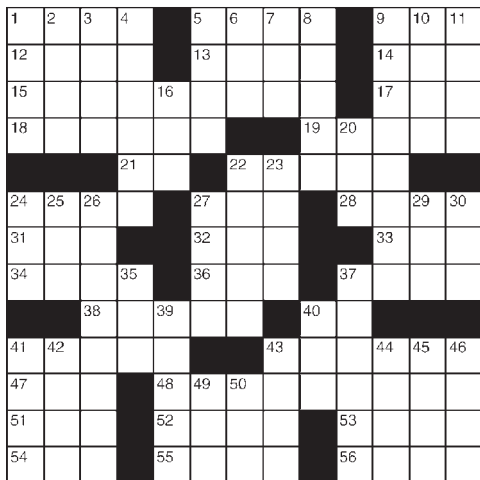
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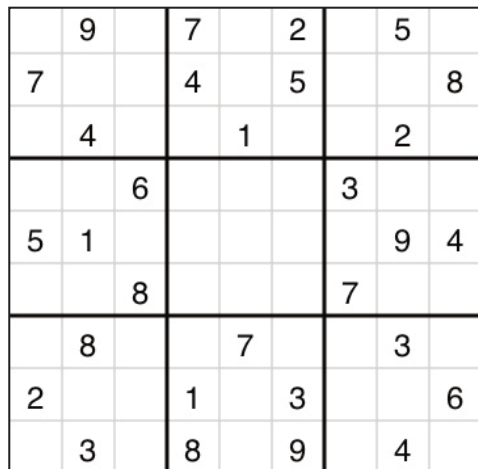
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min Smart
Under 13 min Genius	21-25 min Not bad
13-17 min Scholar	25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Rice Pilaf with Dried Fruits and Almonds

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 dried apricot halves
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) margarine
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) jasmine or white rice
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cardamom
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) golden raisins
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) slivered almonds, toasted

METHOD:

1. Snip apricots into small slivers with kitchen shears
2. Melt margarine in large

pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, rice, cardamom, salt and pepper until rice is toasted, 8 minutes.
 3. Stir in broth, raisins, almonds and apricots and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until broth is absorbed, 25 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with fork and serve.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You made a strong impression on a nitwit. Don't try to fool anyone about making the best of things. Give your support but avoid a battle.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

A girl is afraid of a flaming romance. A wasteful situation is about to end. A non-conformist influences serious matters.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

Tell the truth to eliminate depression. Arrange your time to include rest stops. Better days are coming.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Longing for a distant person will diminish. Nerves are jangling due to someone's request. Bravado sweeps away disappointment.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Roll up your sleeves and tackle a tough job. A trusted person will be free with cash. Don't be led astray by delays.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Financial reality gets in your way. A distasteful scene puts your teeth on edge. A woman is shocked by having fresh opportunities.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A missing person has a mysterious adventure. A friend tries to control how things work out. An unexpected sum of money is coming.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

A non-judgmental elder sorts things out. Refuse to be concerned about a shrieking woman. Trust is an issue for those who drink to excess.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A gullible person will be rebuked. False friends have issues about property. Dealing with ignorance is enlightening.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

You need no excuse to make a stimulating change. Be affectionate but don't talk too much. A winning ticket brings benefits.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Don't act in a high-handed manner. A generous person struggles with a lousy offer. A teenager needs to smarten up.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

A rowdy guy whines about cruelty. Pay attention to a charismatic female. An honest man is stumbling in the dark.

This day in history

- APRIL 2, 1810: Napoleon Bonaparte marries Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.
- APRIL 2, 1902: Electric Theatre, the first full-time movie theatre in the United States, opens in Los Angeles, Calif.
- APRIL 2, 1917: Jeannette Rankin becomes the first woman ever elected to the U.S. Congress.
- APRIL 2, 1972: Actor Charlie Chaplin returns to the U.S. for the first time since being labelled a communist in the early 1950s.
- APRIL 2, 1975: Construction of the CN Tower is completed in Toronto. At 553.33 metres, it becomes the world's tallest free-standing structure.

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